## FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20579

In the Matter of the Claim of

MORTON SCHLOSS

Claim No.CU =0498

Decision No.CU 4154

Under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended

## PROPOSED DECISION

Claimant, MORTON SCHLOSS, who owned participation interests in the Cuban Venezuelan Oil Voting Trust and Trans-Cuba Oil Company asserts a claim under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Government of Cuba because of its nationalization of said Trust and Company.

In our decisions entitled the Claim of Felix Heyman (Claim No. CU-0412) and Claim of D. R. Wimberly (Claim No. CU-3417), which we incorporate herein by reference, we held that the properties owned or controlled by the Trust and Company were nationalized or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba on November 23, 1959, and that this type of claim is compensable to an American national under the facts and conditions set forth therein. We need not again detail here the reasons or the method used in determining the value per unit of the Trust as \$0.11971, and of the Company as \$0.1198.

On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant case, the Commission finds that this claimant comes within the terms of the <u>Heyman</u> and <u>Wimberly</u> decisions; that he was an American national at the requisite times; that he has been the owner of 3700 units of participation in the Cuban Venezuelan Oil Voting Trust and the owner of 1100 shares of stock in the Trans-Cuba Oil Company since prior to November 23, 1959; and that he suffered a loss in the aggregate amount of \$4,561.05 within the meaning of

Title V of the Act. Further, the Commission finds that the amount of loss sustained shall be increased thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from November 23, 1959, the date of loss, to the date on which provisions are made for the settlement thereof. (See <u>Heyman</u> and <u>Wimberly</u>, supra.)

## CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that MORTON SCHLOSS suffered a loss, as a result of actions of the Government of Cuba, within the scope of Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Five Cents (\$4,561.05) with interest at 6% per annum from November 23, 1959 to the date of settlement.

Dated at Washington, D.C., and entered as the Proposed Decision of the Commission

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Theodore Jaffe, Commissioner

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Sidney Freidberg, Commissioner

NOTICE TO TREASURY: The above-referenced securities may not have been submitted to the Commission or if submitted, amy have been returned; accordingly, no payment should be made until claimant establishes retention of the securities or the loss here certified.

The statute does not provide for the payment of claims against the Government of Cuba. Provision is only made for the determination by the Commission of the validity and amounts of such claims. Section 501 of the statute specifically precludes any authorization for appropriations for payment of these claims. The Commission is required to certify its findings to the Secretary of State for possible use in future negotiations with the Government of Cuba.

NOTICE: Pursuant to the Regulations of the Commission, if no objections are filed within 15 days after service or receipt of notice of this Proposed Decision, the decision will be entered as the Final Decision of the Commission upon the expiration of 30 days after such service or receipt of notice, unless the Commission otherwise orders. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. 531.5(e) and (g), as amended, 32 Fed. Reg. 412-13 (1967).)